

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A control device for a module (10) forming a lock mechanism, the control device comprising:

a cable (14) having ~~two ends~~, a proximal end (14P) and a distal end respectively[.];
~~said cable being housed in~~ a jacket (18) housing the cable; ~~the jacket having two ends~~,
a proximal end (18P) and a distal end (18D) respectively, ~~which the proximal and distal ends~~
of the jacket are immobilized by two proximal (20P) and distal (20D) retaining elements,

wherein at least ~~a first~~ the proximal end (18P) of the jacket (18) is connected to a
corresponding first retaining element (20P) by means of a connecting element (22) attached to
the ~~first proximal~~ end (18P) of the jacket (18), and

wherein a weld fusion interface is provided between the connecting element (22) and
the ~~first proximal~~ retaining element (20P) at locations offset laterally from an axis of ~~side the~~
jacket (18) to avoid deformation of the jacket (18) during a welding process.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~
wherein the connecting element (22) is overmolded on the ~~first proximal~~ end (18P) of the
jacket (18).

Claim 3 (currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the weld fusion between the connecting element (22) and the proximal retaining element (20P) is formed by ultrasonically welding welded the connecting element (22) to the first proximal retaining element (20P).

Claim 4 (currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the connecting element (22) and the first proximal retaining element (20P) comprise complementary welding faces (28, 30) each provided with fusible ribs (32, 34), the ribs (32) borne by the welding face (28) of the connecting element (22) being substantially perpendicular to the ribs (34) borne by the welding face (30) of the first proximal retaining element (20P), and wherein the fusion interface is formed between the ribs (32, 34) of the complementary welding faces (28, 30).

Claim 5 (currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the complementary welding faces (28, 30) are provided on complementary interlocking parts of the connecting element (22) and the first proximal retaining element (20P).

Claim 6 (currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the interlocking part of the first retaining element (20P) forms a longitudinal channel (G) for the interlocking of the connecting element (22), the welding face (30) of the first retaining element (20P) forming a base of the channel (G), the fusible ribs (34) of the first retaining element (20P) extending longitudinally.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 6, wherein the complementary interlocking parts of the connecting element (22) and of the ~~first~~ proximal retaining element (20P) comprise ~~fusible~~ complementary welding shoulders (36, 38), and wherein the fusion interface is formed between the complementary welding shoulders (36, 38).

Claim 8 (currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the ~~first~~ proximal retaining element (20P) contains two ~~fusible~~ ribs (34) extending longitudinally on either side of the jacket (18) and two ~~fusible~~ welding shoulders (38) extending longitudinally on either side of the jacket (18)[[.]] so that the ~~fusible~~ ribs (34) and the ~~fusible~~ welding shoulders (38) of the first retaining element (20P) ~~thus-being~~ are offset laterally with respect to the axis of ~~this~~ the jacket (18).

Claims 9 and 10 (cancelled)

Claim 11 (currently amended): The device as claimed in claim [[10]] 5, wherein the proximal end (14P) of the cable (14) is provided with a block (16) for securing said ~~the~~ cable (14), and wherein the shell (24) ~~forming~~ forms a housing for said ~~the~~ securing block (16).

Claims 12 and 13 (cancelled)

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Claim 14 (currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said the
~~weld~~ fusion interface is disposed within an enclosed space defined between the connecting
element (22) and the first retaining element (20P).

Claim 15 (cancelled)